

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING CHANNEL  
ESTIMATE BASED ON SHORT SYNCHRONIZATION CODE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for estimating a communication channel impulse response  $h(t)$  is disclosed. The method comprises the steps of generating  $co_m(t) = co(t + mNT_c)$  for  $m = 0, 1, \Lambda, M$  by correlating a received signal  $r(t)$  with a spreading sequence  $S_i$  of length  $N$ , wherein the received signal  $r(t)$  comprises a chip sequence  $c_j$  applied to a communication channel characterizable by an impulse response  $h(t)$ , and wherein the chip sequence  $c_j$  is generated from a data sequence  $d_i$  spread by the spreading sequence  $S_i$ ; generating an estimated communication channel impulse response  $\hat{h}_M(t)$  as a combination of  $co_m(t)$  and  $d_m$  for  $m = 0, 1, \Lambda, M$ ; and filtering the first estimated communication channel impulse response  $\hat{h}_M(t)$  to generate the estimated communication channel impulse response  $h(t)$  with a filter  $f$  selected at least in part according to the spreading sequence  $S_i$ .